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and many others in the United States and around the globe!!!

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 * The following is a closed circuit advisory and is NOT for *
 * transmission on amateur radio. Repeat, not for broadcast. *
 * This is just a reminder that the address for the Newsline *
 * Support Fund is Newsline, in care of Dr. Norm Chalfin, *
 * K6PGX, Post Office Box 463, Pasadena, California 91102. *
 * Again, and as always, we thank you *
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INSTANT LICENSE PROPOSED

The FCC has proposed what amounts to an instant ham radio license for new hams. In reality its actually a form of temporary operating authority to unlicensed persons who pass the examination for a new amateur operator license, and it signifies a major change in the attitude of the commission toward getting newly tested operators on the air.

The new system would work this way. The temporary operating authority would begin when the exam is passed and an application for a license is filed, and last until a full-term license is received from the FCC, but not more than 120 days. The temporary operating authority would not be available to anyone whose license has been revoked or suspended or who has been involved in other enforcement proceedings before the FCC. Under the proposal, the Commission also would reserve the right to cancel such temporary operating authority without a hearing if a need to do so arose.

Those operating under the proposed new rules would use call signs determined by the initials of their name and by their mailing address. The prefix for each such call sign would be WZ followed by a number indicating the appropriate Volunteer Examiner Coordinator region.

The Commission said it believes this system would be useful to the amateur community, yet practical to implement. It also said that it was making the overture to better serve new amateurs and to increase productivity in the processing of license applications.

The proposal, assigned PR Docket 93-267, was based on a petition for rule making made in July by the Western Carolina Amateur Radio Society V.E.C. of Knoxville, Tennessee with the previous designation of RM-8288.

FCC AWARD TO HAM

A real-life ham radio hero has been honored by the FCC. The

regulatory agency has presented a bronze plaque of appreciation to Melvin I. Woods, KN4ZT, of Annandale, Virginia. Woods was cited by the Commission for what it called outstanding assistance in solving a false distress signal case in 1992.

The case involved a phony S.O.S. sent out on 14.313 MHz back in August 1992. The FCC said Woods not only provided important information at the time but also cooperated with the agency in its subsequent investigation.

Woods, 58, served in the U.S. Navy from 1952 to 1976 and is a former Senior Chief Radioman and Chief Electronics Technician. He was first licensed as a Novice in 1953 and currently holds the Amateur Extra Class license.

At the awards ceremony Woods also received the U.S. Coast Guard Public Service Award from Rear Admiral William J. Ecker.

CB BUST

The FCC is not wasting any time in issuing fines under its new monetary forfeiture schedule. As reported last week, the commission can now ding a violator up to twenty thousand dollars for a first offense and that's exactly what has happened to some alleged part 95 violators.

About a dozen accused marketers of illegal equipment targeted at the Class D eleven meter band have each been fined between six thousand and twenty thousand dollars by the FCC. The commission says that the stores in question are located in California, Colorado, Florida, Louisiana, Michigan, Texas, and Washington state. The FCC says that they were all engaged in the sale of illegal CB radios or linear power amplifiers for the 11 meter band.

In addition, several firms were fined seven thousand dollars each for allegedly marketing non FCC certified personal computers and unauthorized UHF modulators and transmitters that operate on television channels fourteen through twenty six.

At airtime it is not known if any appeals have been filed by those fined in this latest FCC action.

LA FIRES

A 2000 acre fire storm fanned by Santa Ana winds has taken several southern California repeaters off the air. The ham radio relay equipment along with several emergency service repeaters and an FM radio station was destroyed when flames ignited a private residence atop Rasno peak in Ventura County. The destruction of the radio site occurred on Tuesday, October the 26th.

Since then, hundreds of hams all over the state have been pressed into service as wildfires continue to rage. As we go to air there are well over a half dozen fires still burning and some radio amateurs have already been working fire related emergency communications non-stop for several days.

More on this story, next week.

MORE SAREX QSO'S

Heres an update on the Sarex ham radio space shuttle flight now underway. The SAREX Working Group has asked the Shuttle crew to set some extra time aside for general FM Voice QSO opportunities. These times were originally scheduled as backup school group passes and run from 1635 to 1642 UTC on Friday October 29th, and from 13:22 to 13:34 UTC on Saturday October 30th.

All Sarex operation is split frequency. The Shuttle downlink frequency for voice and packet is 145.55 MHz. This is a receive only frequency. Voice uplink frequencies for all areas except Europe are 144.91, 144.93, 144.95, 144.97 and 144.99 MHz. Europeans should transmit voice on 144.70, 144.75 and 144.80 MHz and avoid the other channels. The worldwide packet transmit frequency is 144.49 MHz and the packet call sign is W5RRR-1.

The mission is scheduled to end with a landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California at 1522 UTC on Monday November 1st.

PERRY WILLIAMS RETIRING

ARRL Washington Area Coordinator Perry Williams, W1UED, has announced that he will retire in April of 1994. This, after 40 years of service for the League. He is currently the staff member with the longest tenure of Headquarters service.

Williams, who is 65, began his ARRL career in 1954 in the now disbanded Secretarial Department. He next served in the Membership Services Department when the League Headquarters was located in West Hartford and became Washington Area Coordinator in 1980.

No successor to the Washington Area Coordinators post has yet been named.

SHRINER NET

The Shriners net meets every thursday night at 2300 UTC. It originates from Shriners Hospital for crippled children in Philadelphia on 14.328 Mhz. You don't have to be a Shriner to

participate. It is operated by LuLu temple radio unit, and is designed to teach the patients about ham radio, and communicate with other Shrine hospitals throughout the United States.

PACKET FOR THE DEAF

If you know someone who is deaf and interested in using packet radio, then let them know that G1TKX and his friends are considering forming a support group for them. Tony says that the group will try and provide help, training, encouragement to aurally handicapped radio amateurs worldwide. If you are interested please contact G1TKX at the GB7MRU 19 packet bulletin board in Great Britain.

HAM BBS

KB0DSW's says that his Amateur Radio BBS is open to all that wish access. You can reach the BBS at area code 701, 839-2163. Its available 24hrs a day and accepts any rate up to 14.4 baud. The defaults are the standard 8-N-1. Sysop Tom Herrod says the board caters to a wide variety of needs, and specialize in Amateur Radio and SWL programs and information. It also has an On-line CD-Rom, SAM-Amateur Radio CallSign Database and serves as a local Packet GateWay.

AMSAT AREA COORDINATORS NEEDED

AMSAT North America says that it needs Area Coordinators in all parts of the country as part of an effort to increase the visibility of AMSAT's existing satellite operations and Phase IIID developments. Area Coordinators are volunteers whose activities may include AMSAT booths at hamfests, local AMSAT nets, presentations to local clubs in addition individual "Elmering". Through their activities these Area Coordinators increase awareness of the radio amateur satellite program in addition promoting AMSAT membership and fund raising for the Phase 3D satellite. Contact AMSAT if you're interested in taking on such a job.

DX

In DX, the Golan Heights as OH3MIG/4U will be active until sometime in December. This counts as Syria for DXCC credit and you are advised to QSL as directed.

BROADCAST HAMS LIST

Hams who work in or are retired from any aspect of professional broadcasting should drop a note to Rich Aronson K2RVM and have your name and call sign added to a list ham radio broadcast professionals. According to a note from Hank Flokerts K4K0, he recently turned the duties of compiling the list over to K2RVM after doing the chore for a number of years.

The service originated as a roster of hams who were Nabet Union engineers employed at NBC. It has since been expanded to include hams in every aspect of the business including air talent and management. The latest list, and the last put out by K4K0 includes hams at ABC, NBC and Fox. Your help is needed to make it include every ham who works in the broadcasting industry.

If you are a broadcasting professional and if want your name, call and affiliation added to this growing list, please drop a note to Rich Aronson, K2RVM, 207 Cinnamon Way, Flat Rock, North Carolina 28731.

Sorry, but this list is available only to those hams who work in the broadcasting industry. If you want a copy please send a standard business sized SASE to K2RVM.

For this week, that's all from the Amateur Radio Newsline. You can write to us at Post Office Box 463 in Pasadena, CA 91102.

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Date: 29 Oct 93 12:31:15 EST

From: swrinde!sdd.hp.com!caen!usenet.cis.ufl.edu!usenet.ufl.edu!darwin.sura.net!
howland.reston.ans.net!math.ohio-state.edu!pacific.mps.ohio-state.edu!

ohstpy.mps.ohio-state.edu!miavx1!miavx3.mid.

Subject: BAUD VS BAUDS

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <199310261649.JAA01502@ucsd.edu>, AGRI098@UNLVM.UNL.EDU (Roy) writes:

> IS THE TERM BAUD LIKE MOST PEOPLE USE OR IS IT BAUDS LIKE THE ARRL FOLKS
> USE?
> Roy

I think it is "BAUD"; singular form like "73" .

73 >< Carl

Date: Sun, 31 Oct 1993 15:22:26 GMT
From: mulvey!rich@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Bird watt-meters can't be exported?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

danny burstein (dannyb@panix.com) wrote:

: In <pschleck.751603812@cwis> pschleck@cwis.unomaha.edu (Paul W Schleck KD3FU)
writes:

: >In <2ahec9INN6se@abyss.West.Sun.COM> myers@sunspot.West.Sun.COM (Dana Myers)
writes:

: >>In article <2agaqq\$1fv@bigboote.WPI.EDU> gkd@wpi.WPI.EDU (Gregory K
Doerschler) writes:

: >>>In article <4724@eram.esi.COM.AU> dave@esi.COM.AU (Dave Horsfall) writes:

: >>>>So, what's with the "Not available for export" notation across the

: >>>>photo of the Bird meter in the Barry ads? Too delicate? Upsets

: >>>>someone's monopoly? Munitions? Classified equipment?

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: >>>The meter would have to be recalibrated to read foreign watts.

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Greg

: >>Don't be silly. There is no such thing as foreign watts.

: >>For export, you need to recalibrate the Bird wattmeters to read

: >>in voltage watts, not current watts.

: >Ya know, someone is going to come along and take you guys seriously,

: no, boys and girls. the problem is that the coriolis effect would have the
: meter rotating backwards in the southern hemisphere.

Does that mean that it won't work when you're exactly over the equator?

- Rich

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Rich Mulvey
rich@mulvey.com

Amateur Radio: N2VDS
"Ignorance should be painful."

Rochester, NY

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Brant
bwehr@iastate.edu

Date: Mon, 1 Nov 1993 01:03:15 GMT
From: csus.edu!netcom.com!msattler@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: Studying in San Francisco
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Gary Coffman (gary@ke4zv.atl.ga.us) wrote:
: msattler@netcom.com (Michael Sattler) writes:

: >I'd heard it said (back in CB days) that a mobile antenna interacts
: >with the vehicle it's mounted on: a center-of-the-roof mount made
: >for a round pattern while a rear-bumper mount makes for a cigar-
: >shaped pattern that leads the vehicle. Is this true? Does this
: >affect whip antennae that drape over the entire vehicle?

: Yes, this is true at lower frequencies such as 11 meters and the
: rest of the HF spectrum. It's also *somewhat* true at VHF and UHF,
: but less so. What you need is a groundplane that extends for a
: quarterwave in all directions at the frequency of operation. That's
: basically the entire car at CB, but at 70 cm it's only 6.9 inches.
: Mounting a UHF antenna on the trunk or fender can distort the pattern
: from *shadowing* by the greenhouse and top of the auto, but that's
: a different thing than the issue of groundplane symmetry. Center of
: the top mounting is always preferred when it's mechanically feasible.

Thanks for the reply. If what you say is true, then why do so many
people (including the military) mount huge whip antennae with shiny
loading coils on their bumpers?

I was looking at a Radio Shack magnetic roof-mount antenna, but any
other suggestions are welcome.

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Michael S. Sattler msattler@netcom.com +1 (415) 621-2903
Digital Jungle Software Encrypt now; ask me how. (finger for PGP key)

All that is required for evil to triumph is

for {wo}men of good will to do nothing.

Date: Sun, 31 Oct 1993 23:49:27 GMT
From: csus.edu!netcom.com!greg@decwrl.dec.com
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <1993Oct20.213056.667@rubicon.org>, <dbledsoeCFC8z4.2C4@netcom.com>,
<1993Oct30.144840.8666@mnemosyne.cs.du.edu>
Subject : Re: GAY INTERNATIONAL HAM RADIO CLUB

In article <1993Oct30.144840.8666@mnemosyne.cs.du.edu> rcanders@nyx.UUCP (Mr. Nice Guy) writes:

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>Support immorality or we will sue you, this seems to be the gay's message.

No. The ARRL is not an organization that has anything to do with morality or immorality, unless we're talking about something like jamming a repeater engaged in emergency traffic.

You have a perfectly good church, probably several, just down the street.

Don't ask them to come up with a band plan.

Don't ask the ARRL to decide which member goes into which orifice and on whom.

It's really very simple. In America we separate religious from secular. Why? Because it's better that way.

Greg

Date: Sun, 31 Oct 1993 23:34:39 GMT
From: csus.edu!netcom.com!greg@decwrl.dec.com
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <dbledsoeCFJK67.FAB@netcom.com>,
<1993Oct27.165540.21016@anomaly.sbs.com>, <CFKuE2.83C@news.Hawaii.Edu>
Subject : Re: Gays vs. ARRL (was: <an ad for a gay radio club>)

In article <CFKuE2.83C@news.Hawaii.Edu> jherman@uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu (Jeff Herman) writes:

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> if the membership doesn't want your ad to appear, then what grounds do
> you have for a complaint? Why should the ARRL (i.e., the membership) go

>against the wishes of its members? Seems rather contradictory to me.

This has been answered in this group before.

As an organization which serves as an auxiliary arm of the US Government, (i.e. administering exams, (petitioning to be) a controlling point for administration of special call-signs, providing some law-enforcement assistance), the ARRL is in a special position. It takes on the legal obligation not to discriminate. The 'membership' can't have it both ways.

And, in taking on representation of hams as a whole, it has the ethical responsibility to distance itself from issues of personal morality which fall outside of amateur radio. If you are a Baptist, and believe personally that Wiccans are immoral, that's your privilege. But the ARRL is not chartered to either validate or invalidate that position.

Thus, when you insist that LARC be excluded from QST, you are being unreasonable. And when LARC asks that it be distinguished (outside of discrete, paying ads) in the pages of QST, *it* is being unreasonable.

A reminder, for you amateur 'Constitution Scholars,' that certain acts of the government are excluded, even if they be the 'will of the people.'

Greg

Date: Sun, 31 Oct 1993 23:44:50 GMT
From: csus.edu!netcom.com!greg@decwrl.dec.com
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <jfhCFMGx4.FtK@netcom.com>, <22768@news.duke.edu>,
<jfhCFo0rz.E6L@netcom.com>
Subject : Re: GAY INTERNATIONAL HAM RADIO CLUB

In article <jfhCFo0rz.E6L@netcom.com> jfh@netcom.com (Jack Hamilton) writes:
>jbs@ee.ee.duke.edu (Joe B. Simpson) wrote:

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>>Obviously publicity. If they didn't want publicity (not about the
>>existence of their organization, but about their complaint against ARRL)
>>they would submit their ad and shut up. Instead, they're continuing to beat
>>the dead horse and demanding that the ARRL give them coverage in the magazine
>>besides just the ad. They're demanding public apologies and such. Or didn't
>>you see all those demands earlier in this thread?

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>No, I didn't see a demand for articles. Could you find the posting in
>which someone from LARC says "We demand that QST publish articles about

>us"?

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>Jack Hamilton POB 281107 SF CA 94128 USA

>jfh@netcom.com kd6ttl@w6pw.#nocal.ca.us.na

Jack has inadvertantly hit the nail on the head.

Other than the demand that the ad be accepted, which has already been printed, the other 'demands' seem to consist of non-specific jumping up and down and hand waving.

I, and others, have asked LARC time and time again 'what do you want, specifically.' They have thus far ignored all calls for substantive and specific demands.

I have suggested what I thought to be a reasonable set of requirements that the ARRL meet in order to get LARC to drop their complaint. Now, we all know that the ARRL staff has seen this posting, as have LARC's representatives.

LARC, formerly very vocal, managed to let this one slide by without comment. Neither has Mr. Sumner replied (and unless the HQ staffers who read this group are really out of it, he has certainly had the opportunity to read and comment).

I suspect that if either side would just say "that would be fine by us" or "that and just a little bit of difference would be fine by us," the other side would be forced, by the court of public opinion, to settle this and get it over with. Or look truly ridiculous.

Instead, they both clam up, in the vain belief that they don't look truly ridiculous in their obstinate silence.

I'm sorry to say that I begin to believe, with a number of other posters, that LARC's officers, along with the ARRL Board, are feeding their egos with this little pissing contest, and are rather enjoying it.

Oh well. The membership and amateur radio loses, the lawyers win. Again.

Greg

Date: Mon, 1 Nov 1993 03:41:45 GMT
From: swrinde!emory!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!howland.reston.ans.net!spool.mu.edu!
news.nd.edu!mac34@network.ucsd.edu
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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<gregCFsC5r.I8H@netcom.com>
Subject : Re: Gays vs. ARRL (was: <an ad for a gay radio club>)

In article <gregCFsC5r.I8H@netcom.com>, greg@netcom.com (Greg Bullough)
wrote:

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> (i.e. administering exams, (petitioning to be) a controlling point for
> administration of special call-signs, providing some law-enforcement
> assistance), the ARRL is in a special position. It takes on the legal
> obligation not to discriminate.

How is that? Is there a federal gay rights statute? I am not aware of one.
By the way, aren't the armed forces a branch of the US government too, much
more than the ARRL? I don't think this kind of argument does LARC any good.

The 'membership' can't have it both
> ways.

Actually they can, by claiming that that the issue has nothing to do with
amateur radio, and by dismissing it under the pose of a "neutral" stance.
They can, but I agree, they shouldn't.

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> responsibility to distance itself from issues of personal morality which
> fall outside of amateur radio. If you are a Baptist, and believe personally
> that Wiccans are immoral, that's your privilege. But the ARRL is not
> chartered to either validate or invalidate that position.

I happen to agree, but the other side does have a valid point, which we
shouldn't laugh off too quickly. There is more to morality than religion.
Many people hold that homosexuality is immoral on a non-sectarian basis
(the same way that an atheist would probably consider murder immoral), and
it is a fact (sad, in my opinion, but still a fact) that homosexual
relations are illegal in a number of states. From a certain point of view,
which I don't happen to share, a gay radio net or club promotes objectively
immoral and illegal activity, quite apart from personal religious
commitments of any kind. My own opinion is that, even if this were so, it
wouldn't matter, for the same reason that I would approve of a
"safecrackers' net" that didn't actually facilitate safecracking on the
air. Until LARC starts to promote obscene language or explicit discussion

of sexual practices on the air, I don't see why there should be a problem myself. But I do recognize that others see it differently.

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> unreasonable. And when LARC asks that it be distinguished (outside
> of discrete, paying ads) in the pages of QST, *it* is being unreasonable.

Someone did suggest some articles on LARC, apart from the ad, but what is wrong with that? I don't see your point. An informational article on LARC (activities, accomplishments, and so on) in QST might actually do a lot of good. If it is impossible to find an unbiased reporter, heck, publish two opposing articles side by side!

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> of the government are excluded, even if they be the 'will of the people.'

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But is the government really involved here? I don't think so.

Charles

N9SQE

Date: Mon, 1 Nov 1993 04:43:20 GMT

From: news.Hawaii.Edu!uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu!jherman@ames.arp

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <1993Oct27.165540.21016@anomaly.sbs.com>, <CFKuE2.83C@news.Hawaii.Edu>, <Charles.R.Hohenstein.1-311093221240@mac34.hesburgh.lab.nd.edu>

Subject : Re: Gays vs. ARRL (was: <an ad for a gay radio club>)

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>never discriminate again??? I'm afraid this is where I begin to get lost
>about what's going on, and what the San Francisco chapter of LARC has to do
>with it, if anything.

Charles,

I posed that question to Don because he stated that letters of complaint
had been written by members to the ARRL with regard to the ad.

Jeff

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From: swrinde!emory!sol.ctr.columbia.edu!spool.mu.edu!news.nd.edu!
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